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Attorney's Docket No. 000500-252

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Pate	ent Application of	•	·V
Olle CARLBARK et al.		Group Art Unit: 3761	10
Application No.: 09/529,638		Examiner: C. Anderson	•
For: W	une 5, 2000) VAIST BELT FOR ABSORBENT) GARMENTS)	Confirmation No.: 9552 TECH	RECEIVED OCT 0 3 2003 NOLOGY CENTER R3700

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

MAIL STOP RCE Customer No. 2 1 8 3 9 Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 10/02/2003 SSESHE1 00000025 09529638 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 770.00 DP 126.00 DP Sir: Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$375.00 (2801) [X] \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be 1. [] A. entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued [] B. examination is requested: Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _ [] Other: ______ 2. The following documents are enclosed with this submission: Request for Continued Examination Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s). Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). [X]Petition for Extension of Time. [] Other: Small entity status is hereby claimed. 3. [] No additional claim fee is required.

The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid

for in this application prior to this submission:

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	No. Of Claims	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS THUS PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Fee					
Total Claims	27	MINUS 20 =	7	× \$18.00 (1202) =	\$126.00
Independent Claims	7	MINUS 4 =	3	× \$86.00 (1201) =	258.00
If multiple dependent	claims are p	resented, add \$280.0	00 (1203)		
Total Fee	1,154.00				
If small entity status i	s claimed, su	ibtract 50% of Total	Fee		
TOTAL FEE DUE	1,154.00				

4.	[X]	A check in the amount of \$	1.154.00	is enclosed for the fee due	e.
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- 5. [] Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- 6. [] Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: October 1, 2003

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